



March 8, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Room 8-B201

**Re: *Sunset of Cellular AMPS Requirement – WT Docket No. 01-108 and
RM No. 11355***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the National Safety Council (NSC), I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to grant an immediate and reasonable extension of the Advanced Mobile Phone System (AMPS) technology sunset date. The NSC is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, international public service organization dedicated to promoting policies, practices and procedures that lead to increased safety and health in all aspects of our lives.

As you know, hundreds of thousands of individuals and businesses rely on cellular-based radios that use AMPS technology to relay alarm signals from their homes or places of business to an alarm company that monitors for fire, burglary, carbon monoxide and medical emergencies.

Yet, through an FCC order effective February 18, 2008, cellular systems are no longer required to support AMPS service, rendering AMPS alarm system technology unusable.

I am told the prospect of converting from AMPS technology to digital will result in members of the public losing the assurance of their alarm services. I am most troubled that vulnerable populations - including those with hearing aid compatible phones, senior citizens, battered woman and others who have "panic button" alarm systems which summon help in case of a fire or other emergency - will be left without essential emergency and security communications. I am also concerned about the potential negative effects on other consumers, businesses and government offices.

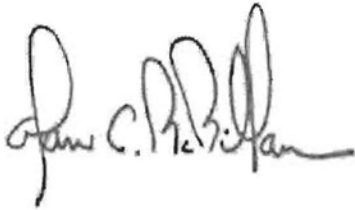
Alan C. McMillan, President and Chief Executive Officer

We understand that the Commission has expressly retained authority to extend the five-year transition period if deemed necessary. Given the severity of the risk, we believe an extension of the deadline is appropriate and responsible.

We urge the Commission to immediately grant a reasonable extension of the AMPS sunset. This will allow a transition of alarm users to digital technology without any loss of protection. We trust that the Commission will serve a vital public interest and place public safety at the forefront of its decision on this issue.

Thank you for considering our comments on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan C. McMillan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" being more prominent than the last name "McMillan".

Alan C. McMillan

cc: Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
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